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The Daily Beat

Do you have news or events that you would like the tribes to know about?

Take advantage of our distribution network of tribal leaders, community organizations, and tribal liaisons in state and federal government by notifying us of your event.

Send event announcements and descriptions to The Daily Beat.

[2006 Mental Health and Justice Collaboration Program Grant Awards](#)

Congratulations to the Fort Belknap Indian community for being among those awarded a grant.

[Implementation Grant for Special Projects](#)

Receipt Deadline: January 23, 2007 (for projects beginning in October 2007)

Special Project grants support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia. Small exhibitions or interpretive publications might serve as common texts for such programs. Living history or historical impersonations might also be appropriate if they are deeply grounded in scholarship.

[Indian Education for All Implementation Assistance Grants](#)

Applications for the second round of Indian Education for All Implementation Assistance Grants are available on the Indian Education page of the OPI website. The purpose of the Implementation Assistance Grants is to develop resource material or professional development opportunities to aid educators with the implementation of Indian Education for All. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and will only be awarded to organizations other than public schools. All application materials must be postmarked by October 13, 2006.

[Day focuses on native people: Students celebrate alternative to Columbus holiday, discuss U.S. immigration policies](#)

By ALEX ALTMAN and LINDSAY MACHAK - The State News

Many students on campus celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday instead of Columbus Day. Some student groups, such as the North American Indigenous Student Association, or NAISO, refer to the event as Indigenous Peoples Day because Christopher Columbus claimed the Americas when natives were already there, NAISO co-chairperson Vanessa Welch said.

[Chippewa Cree Tribe takes new approach to meth](#)

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Leaders of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Montana have developed a culturally-based program to combat methamphetamine abuse. Drug use on the Rocky Boy's Reservation is high, said tribal council member Jonathan Windy Boy. Forty percent of women in treatment centers are Native women, and 80 percent of the Native women are being treated for meth related addictions, he said.

[Current political challenges call for strong leadership and a steady hand](#)

Tribes are currently dealing with a troublesome political environment in Washington, DC. The Abramoff scandal has created an atmosphere of distrust and fear for tribes on Capitol Hill, as those entities who would seek to harm Indian interests are taking full advantage of this negative opportunity. The Native Voice turned to one of Tribal America's strongest political supporters, Tom Daschle, with his over 26 years in experience in public policy and Congressional leadership, to offer some insight and perspective on the current situation.